



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 334-A
Series of 2020

PRESCRIBING ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF COTABATO, INCLUDING THE CONDUCT OF COMMUNITY QUARANTINE, IN THE MIDST OF THE THREAT OF COVID-19

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 334, dated March 13, 2020, was issued to lay down the guidelines for the general public to abide in the face of the growing threat of the COVID-19 virus;

WHEREAS, in just a matter of two days since, the number of persons in the country afflicted by the COVID-19 virus has reached more than 140 thus there is a need to conduct a community quarantine and issue additional guidelines to prevent the spread of the virulent COVID-19 in Cotabato City;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ATTY. FRANCES CYNTHIA J. GUIANI - SAYADI, Mayor of the City of Cotabato, by virtue of the powers vested upon me by law, do hereby declare Cotabato City under a status of community quarantine and prescribing additional guidelines for the general public and the City Government of Cotabato in the midst of the threat of COVID-19:

SECTION 1. ADDITIONAL SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL MEASURES:

1. People are encouraged to stay inside their homes if they do not have important and indispensable transactions outside. Important transactions include work, buy food and medicines, for medical check-up, prevention of loss of life or property and other similar cases.
2. Mass gatherings must be cancelled and classes from kindergarten to post-graduate studies will be suspended until after the public health emergency has been lifted.
3. Government work will not be disrupted.
4. People are encouraged to procure services and buy goods online (if possible). Online bank transactions are also encouraged.
5. Public transportation will still be available.
6. Cargo deliveries will still be allowed.
7. Jail visitations are suspended. However, relatives may still bring food for the inmates but they will not be allowed to stay for more than five (5) minutes in the jail vicinity.

8. Malls, restaurants, hotels and other establishment offering goods and services to the public should establish sanitation zones and mandatory temperature checks at their establishment entry points.
9. The Monday morning flag raising and Friday afternoon flag retreat ceremonies in all government offices and instrumentalities within the territorial jurisdiction of Cotabato City are hereby suspended until after the public health emergency has been lifted.
10. There will be no personal follow ups in offices. The public are encouraged to make their follow ups through phone or email.
11. All personal and official travels of City Government officials and employees are hereby suspended until after the public health emergency has been lifted.
12. Persons with recent travels to areas with COVID-19 outbreak must undergo self-quarantine for fourteen (14) days upon return and must secure clearance from the City Health Office before reporting back to work.
13. All employees who have flu-like symptoms are prohibited to report for work and shall seek medical consultation and submit a certificate from the City Health Office before reporting back to work.
14. All employees (public and private) are directed to maintain cleanliness in their respective offices. Hand sanitizers should be made available at the office entrance. The practice regular handwashing using soap and water is encouraged.

SECTION 2. COMMUNITY QUARANTINE. As a precautionary measure, a community quarantine is hereby ordered effective March 16, 2020. The community quarantine shall include, among others:

1. Activation of Quarantine Teams composed of elements from the Task Force Kutawato, 5th Special Forces Battalion, the Cotabato City Police Office, Office on Health Services, City Police Safety Office and the City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Center (CDRRMC).
2. The Quarantine Teams shall inspect all incoming traffic and passengers at the five (5) land entry points of the city, particularly:
 - a. Quirino Bridge
 - b. Delta Bridge
 - c. Delta Bridge 2
 - d. Tamontaka Bridge
 - e. Tamontaka Bridge 2 (at Barangay Tamontaka 2)
3. All vehicles shall be subjected to inspection and its passengers undergo thermal scan.
4. Entry of cargo and delivery vehicles shall not be restricted however its driver and personnel shall be subjected to thermal scan.
5. Only the following with competent proof of identity are allowed entry into the city:
 - a. Residents of Cotabato City
 - b. Non-residents but are employed in the city
 - c. Non-residents but with essential transactions in the city but they have to fill-up a Declaration Form.

6. The following will be denied entry into the city:

- a. Persons coming from COVID-19 infected areas (Metro Manila, Cagayan de Oro City, Iligan City and Ganassi, Lanao del Sur)
- b. Persons who had a foreign travel in the last two months.

SECTION 3. ASSISTANCE. In case there would be any resident of Cotabato City who will be infected with COVID-19, the said patient may avail of assistance from the City Government.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done this 15th day of March 2020 in Cotabato City, Philippines.


ATTY. FRANCES CYNTELA J. GUIANI-SAYADI
City Mayor

Attested by 

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Secretary to the City Mayor